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REMARKS

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1. Because of rain there was no flying at Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield on 17 March 1951 between 2 and 4 p. m., on 19 March between 4 and 9 p. m., and on 20 March between 4 and 5 p. m. 25X1
2. On 21 March, two twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, with single rudder assemblies, made local flights between 3 and 4 p. m. in good weather. * Two planes of the same type practiced local flying between 10 and 10:30 p. m. The searchlight was in operation until midnight. It made a 3-minute pause after each series of ten rotations.
3. On 22 March, the noise of engines was heard at the field between 6 and 7 a. m. Ground attack plane took off at 7:30 a. m. and made a local flight. Then aircraft took off. ** At 8:05 a. m., a ground attack plane towing a sieve target flew over the field heading north. The plane returned at about 9 a. m. and headed south. Ground attack planes made local flights between 8:10 and 9:30 a. m. is the first observed at the field At 8:45 a. m. a single-engine high-wing monoplane with a rigid landing gear and two biplanes in formation flew over the field heading south. 25X1
4. On 23 March between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. and between 10 and 11 p. m. and on 24 March between 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. there was no flying because of rain. Because of changing weather no flights were made on 26 March between 2:30 p. m. and midnight. 25X1
5. On 27 March, between 8 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., local flights were made by single-engine high-wing monoplanes with radial engines and rigid landing gears. *** There was changing weather with poor visibility. The planes were painted gray-green and had horizontal white blue stripes on the upper edge of their rudder assemblies. The field was observed from the southern edge between 3 and 4 p. m. Twenty-four single-engine ground attack aircraft were parked on both sides of the taxiway on the southern edge of the field. All of the planes had white propeller hubs. Ten other ground attack planes were parked on the northeastern section of the landing field. The southeastern section of the landing field could not be seen. Individual laborers were working on the ground attack aircraft, which were covered with tarpaulins. 25X1

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There was no motor vehicle traffic.

6. On 30 March at 4:30 p. m., at least 30 ground attack planes of type previously observed were parked in front of the hangars on the southern section of the field. Not all of the planes could be counted because the grass was being burnt. More ground attack planes were seen in the two open hangars farthest to the west, and also in hangars No 3 and 4, the doors of which were slightly open. Six biplanes were parked in front of the latter two hangars. Three twin-engine transports were seen in the last hangar on the southern side. Two ground attack planes were seen behind the destroyed hangar in the eastern section of the field.
7. On 30 March, twin-engine transports continually took off and landed at the field between 7 and 10 a. m. Local flights were made with about four biplanes between 7 and 10:30 p. m.
8. On 31 March at 8:30 a. m., 24 ground attack planes were parked in two rows facing each other in front of the westernmost hangar. Two rows, one of 10 planes and the other of six ground attack planes, were seen in front of the next hangar. Additional ground attack aircraft were parked near the destroyed hangar in the eastern section of the field.

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* Comment. Previous reports indicate that the aircraft are LI-2s and that they belong to an air transport squadron stationed in Staaken. The total number of planes assigned to this squadron has not been determined. Since January 1951 a maximum of six LI-2s has been counted at the field on one day of observation.

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** Comment. The aircraft are LI-10s. They belong to the ground attack regiment stationed in Staaken.

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Forty-eight different aircraft have been observed,

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*** Comment. Probably Yak-11s.

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